



Massachusetts
Immigrant
Collaborative

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In April 2020, The **Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative** was formed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic when **Natalicia Tracy** from the **Brazilian Workers Center**, **Patricia Sobalvarro** from **Agencia ALPHA** and **Ronnie Millar** from the **Rian Immigrant Center** joined forces.

With guidance from the Boston Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement and funding from the Boston Resiliency Fund they invited eight other immigrant serving Boston nonprofit organizations to come together to address immigrant families' most urgent needs in a time of crisis by providing direct financial relief and other resources for those not eligible for government support. As the need continued to increase across the Commonwealth, four other organizations located in New Bedford, Springfield, Worcester and Framingham joined the Collaborative.

Since April, MIC has disbursed more than \$4.1 million in emergency cash and culturally competent food assistance (and other hygiene and household products). We have served over 59,000 individuals across the Commonwealth. Those individuals that have reached out to our organizations for cash assistance are usually looking to receive funds to cover their housing (31%), utilities (30%), groceries (21%) and medical and pharmaceutical (10%) needs. Eight of our partner organizations have started distributing culturally competent food.

The Collaborative are presently disbursing more than \$300,000 a month in emergency cash and food. We do this equitably across our 15 partners depending on the needs and have the provision to support families who are not connected to any of the partners.

What partners value most about the Collaborative is our cooperative vision, solidarity, structure transparency, shared values, learning, and a collaborative working style. Partners meet weekly to review community needs, leverage resources and streamline services for at-risk immigrants' access to meeting their most urgent and emergent needs. The collaborative has identified the following three community needs, and is launching a comprehensive community needs assessment and study in partnership with the University of Massachusetts:

1. Continued need for emergency cash and food assistance.
2. Vaccine education, outreach, and equity initiatives.
3. Covid recovery support for families such as culturally competent, immigration legal services, IT support for immigrant parents, and workforce development

Ronnie

Natalicia

Patricia



“This COVID19 pandemic has shown us how vulnerable life can be, especially for immigrants and people of color. It magnified all the social and economic inequities our communities were already experiencing. But being part of this Collaborative represents hope, dignity and justice. It is like a stream of fresh water in a desert. We will be forever grateful to all who have made this possible for our people.”

**Patricia Sobalvarro, Executive Director
Agencia ALPHA**

“During this time of great crisis for all our communities, new struggles challenged us, but so also did new possibilities present themselves. We learned to find our strengths, our capacity for mutual aid, and for building solidarity. Finding our resilience in the midst of struggle, fear, and even at times despair, by coming together as partners in M.I.C. we have been able to pull our communities together, support one another, and create unity across our diversity, thus laying a foundation for strong future collaborations beyond COVID.”

**Dr. Natalicia Tracy, Executive Director
Brazilian Worker Center Inc.**

“Over the past year, COVID-19 has exposed many inequities facing our immigrant communities. We witnessed the pandemic’s disproportionate and devastating impact on immigrant families and essential workers. I am humbled by the courage and resilience of these families and inspired by the commitment and leadership of my colleagues in the Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative. Our work is about human rights, dignity, and solidarity.”

**Ronnie Millar, Executive Director
Rian Immigrant Center**

The Steering Committee is composed of **Natalicia Tracy, Patricia Sobalvarro** and **Ronnie Millar**.



The Collaborative’s Program Manager, **Luiza Souza**, leads our efforts, and supports our three working groups.



The Governance group is led by **Dr. Geralde Gabeau**, Executive Director of Immigrant Family Services Institute, and provides guidance on strategy and organizational structure, and primary direction around the assessment of need for new services.



The Trends & Leadership group, is led by **Patricia Montes**, Executive Director, Centro Presente, and identifies pressing issues facing immigrant communities that inform our services and advocacy. This group is leading our community needs assessment and led our advocacy on vaccine equity, anti-Asian racism, the Work and Family Mobility Act, the Safe Communities Act, the 2020 Census, Black Lives Matter, the eviction moratorium, and the digital divide.

Supporting immigrants.

59,356

Individuals served

1,830,728

Lbs. of food provided*

61,934

Number of children receiving food*

\$300K

Dispersed on a monthly basis

17,924

Families served

16,145

Number of individuals receiving cash assistance / gift cards*

88,558

Number of persons receiving educational materials*

*COVID related metric



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Every dollar donated will be matched by the Keane Family Foundation up to \$500,000.

Sabrina Keane commented:

“While we are all encouraged by vaccine rollouts, the Covid relief bill, we should not overlook the reality that the impacts of the pandemic are still present. Many communities, particularly immigrant communities, are still in need of significant support to help meet their essential needs. Undocumented households have been unable to benefit from the past and current stimulus checks. Many lost their jobs during the crisis, which have not yet returned, and may not for months or even years. The moratorium on expulsions has protected households from homelessness, but rent has accumulated. Families continue to struggle to support and feed children still learning at home.”

Please join us today in this work.

“Human rights, dignity and solidarity. Not charity.”



Meet our partners.

The following pages highlight our partners, their mission and accomplishments.





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Year Established: 2002
Service Area: Statewide

Mission Statement

Agencia ALPHA's mission is to improve the quality of life of immigrants in Massachusetts by empowering our community members to become leaders, overcome challenges, and fight xenophobia. We accomplish this through our legal services, citizenship and community organizing program.

Services

- Immigration Legal Services
- Advocacy
- Emergency Assistance
- Citizenship classes
- Organizing

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

ALPHA has distributed over \$352,000 to immigrant families impacted by COVID19. Over 600 families were helped with cash assistance (3,947 household members in total) have been supported since the beginning of the pandemic. Over 3,000 families receive culturally competent food weekly through our partnership with COPAHNI, a network of Latino Pastors.

Organizational Accomplishments:

1,100

ALPHA serves over 1100 clients from over 65 countries annually via our legalization and citizenship program. ALPHA counts with over 30 volunteers on a yearly basis.

1,000

Over 1,000 families on a weekly basis received food.

We have been delivering food on a weekly basis since early Summer 2020.

3,947

Individuals Served

600

Families supported with cash assistance.

12,000

Over 12,000 individuals received Census 2020 educational materials since the summer of 2020.

2021 Goals:

Secure equitable access to the COVID19 vaccine to mitigate the disproportionate impact on our immigrant communities.

Continue to organize around our "Immigrants Make America Strong" campaign and mobilize our community until we win immigration reform that works for our communities.



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Year Established: 2003
Service Area: Boston

Mission Statement

Boston International Newcomers Academy is a Boston Public School that embraces new immigrant adolescent English learners and their families. We teach English across the content areas while honoring students' native languages and cultures. We partner with our families and community to ensure students will be college and career ready and motivated to pursue a life of learning and civic engagement by instilling the habits of ownership, perseverance, expression and service.

Services

- Education
- Work and College Preparedness
- Resource Services
- Mental Health Support
- Emergency Assistance

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

For the last year we have continued to educate all students mostly remotely. We have completed over 2000 home visits and deliveries to make sure our students have the tools they need to continue school - from chromebooks to pencils to graduation celebration treats!

Organizational Accomplishments:

408

Students

35

Countries

408 students from 35 countries including Albania, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Tanzania, US, Venezuela and Vietnam.

40

Families

301

Families

40 families receive bi-weekly food assistance and 301 families were supported with food assistance in the form of grocery gift cards.

2

Food Drives

437

Families

2 food drives - one in November and one ongoing to support the food pantry. 437 families have received cash assistance/prepaid gift cards.

2021 Goals:

Our goals are to welcome immigrant youth and prepare these students for college and career.



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Year Established: 1969
Service Area: Greater Boston, Quincy and Malden

Mission Statement

The mission of BCNC is to ensure that the children, youth, and families we serve have the resources and supports they need to achieve greater economic success and social well-being.

Services

- Education
- Career Advancement
- Workforce Development
- Case Management
- Mental Health Support
- Citizenship Classes
- Research

COVID Related Challenges & Accomplishments:

The youth and families we serve at BCNC have experienced social isolation, Anti-Asian racism, jobs loss, housing issues and financial hardship.

- Reopened full-day childcare for preschool and school age children from working families
- All BCNC programs began in new school year with virtual, in-person, hybrid model
- Opened a full-day in-person learning hub to school-aged children
- BCNC youth leader wrote an open letter urging Public School leadership to respond the Anti-Asian Racism
- Thousands received Chinese language resources on health & basic needs

Organizational Accomplishments:

300

Families supported with immediate financial assistance.

338

Adult immigrant gained English workforce skills and received career advising.

170

Youth gained leadership skills.

100%

High school seniors became the first in their family to attend college.

950

People received individual consultation on mental health, physical, & financial health.

4X

Four times as many youth and adults needed counseling or case management service. Because of internet access, computer literacy skills, language & cultural barriers; school-aged children are not able to receive remote learning support from home.

2021 Goals:

- Support Immigrant Families
- Increase Access to Civic Engagement
- Protect the Cultural Vitality of Chinatown
- Enhance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging



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Year Established: 1995
Service Area: Greater Boston and Eastern MA

Mission Statement

The Brazilian Worker Center is a grassroots community worker center that supports immigrant men and women on issues of workplace rights and immigration. Through organizing, advocacy, education, leadership training, capacity building, civic participation, research, and policy work we promote our community’s exercise of its civil and human rights, fight economic and political marginalization, and promote recognition of immigrants’ positive contributions to our communities and economy, all in order to create a more just society for everyone.

Services

Workers’ & Immigrant Rights, Education & Training, Organizing, Safety & Health, Advocacy, Case Management, Emergency Assistance, Policy & Legislative Work, Research, and Legal Support

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

The Brazilian Worker Center spared no effort in helping families impacted by Covid-related job and income loss, and illness. When business shutdowns caused thousands to lose their jobs, the BWC mobilized to distribute ongoing food and financial aid for emergency family needs for over 84,000 people in the first year.

Organizational Accomplishments:

86,258

Individuals Served
Countries of Origin: Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, China, Korea, Russia, Lebanon, Cape Verde, Haiti, United States

840

Checks for Covid Impacted Families.

84,610

People received food.

530

\$307 VISA cards.

22,467

Children received food.

120

\$50 Stop & Shop gift cards.

22,861

Families received food.

170

\$25 Stop & Shop gift cards.

693,806

Lbs. of food

In 2020 we disseminated over 10,000 copies of educational health advisory flyers to members of our community. Most of this information was inserted into grocery bags.

2021 Goals:

Advancing immigrant’s rights by advocating for a driver’s license law, good jobs, & racial justice.

Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores

Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores (CCT)

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Year Established: 2009

Service Area: Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Mission Statement

CCT is a workers' center run by immigrant workers. CCT combats workplace abuses such as wage theft, health & safety violations, sexual harassment and retaliation for organizing. We address workers' complaints; focus on workplaces with a history of abuse; target temp agencies that mask companies' reliance on the undocumented. Our approach 1) educate workers on their rights 2) help them organize & 3) empower them to take action --both legal and direct. A key goal is to train immigrant workers to become leaders and take action on their own behalf.

Services

- Advocacy
- Emergency Assistance
- Worker's Rights
- Research
- Safety training
- Organizing

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

We served a vulnerable population of essential workers mostly ineligible for other assistance due to undocumented status & marginalized by cultural & linguistic barriers. Food & cash distribution challenged our capacity; we used these events to advocate around workplace health & safety and educate about workers' rights.

Organizational Accomplishments:

137,589

Lbs. of food distributed.

1,816

Individuals received food.

694

Children received food assistance.

488

Families received food assistance.

33

Food Drives.

1,636

Individuals supported with cash / gift card assistance.

2021 Goals:

Provide culturally and linguistically appropriate education about COVID and the vaccine

Ensure our community has equitable access to the vaccine

Continue advocating for improved worker health and safety in local industries

Promote an industry-wide Code of Conduct for seafood processing companies



Centro Presente

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Year Established: 1981

Service Area: Greater Boston

Mission Statement

Centro Presente is a member-driven, state-wide Latin American immigrant organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latino immigrant community of Massachusetts. Centro Presente struggles for immigrant rights and for economic and social justice. Through the integration of community organizing, leadership development and basic services, Centro Presente strives to give our members voice and build community power.

Services

- Immigration and Legal Services
- Education
- Advocacy
- Emergency Assistance
- Citizenship
- Organizing
- Leadership Development

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

We have been an active MIC member, giving out cash assistance of over \$273,000 to 541 families composed of 1,963 individuals. We have also been delivering food assistance to around 100 households on a weekly basis throughout the pandemic.

Organizational Accomplishments:

3,000

Legal cases managed annually.

300

ESL & Citizenship prep students annually.

741

Households Served.

1,100

Educational materials distributed.

50,000

Lbs. of food provided (approximately).

2021 Goals:

1. To promote and advocate for permanent residency for immigrants currently protected under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
2. To raise awareness of the root causes of forced immigration from Central America in both media and public policy spheres.
3. To protect and advocate for the human rights of Central American immigrants, particularly the undocumented.
4. To continue to create spaces for Central American women immigrants to learn about and experience healing and self care from the traumas they have experienced, and to strengthen their capacities to understand their situations and take leadership in responding to them.



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Year Established: 2010

Service Area: Boston, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Medford

Mission Statement

Founded in October 2010, The Caribbean Youth Club (CYC), serves Caribbean immigrant and refugee youth who are relatively new arrivals (1-3 years) and are enrolled in Boston Public High Schools. Our vision is: "To positively transform the acculturation experience of Afro-Caribbean immigrant and refugee youth through the delivery of culturally competent services that will generate future success." We offer critically needed transition support, Summer jobs, academic support and higher education assistance.

Services

Resettlement/Social Services, Youth Employment, Higher Education Assistance, Culture Specific Mentoring, Transition Support Counseling, Life Skills and leadership Training, Academic Support and Safe Recreational Activities

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

CYC reached 14, 217 people in 2020, but our biggest challenge was not having enough funding for adequate staffing. Our staff is now suffering from exhaustion and burnout.

Organizational Accomplishments:

58

Served: Youth mental health and mentoring support.

13,500

Served at our food pantry.

400

Served: Women health and personal hygiene supplies.

15

Volunteers: Service opportunities.

8

Community partners collaboration support and resources.

270,000

Lbs. of food provided.

72

Food drives/Distribution days.

717

Individuals supported with cash / gift card assistance.

2021 Goals:

Reach 70 youth

Offer 30 youth jobs

Train 20 peer leaders

Deliver food to 14,000 people



Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative
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Year Established: 1984

Service Area: Roxbury/North Dorchester

Mission Statement

The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative's (DSNI) mission is to empower Dudley residents to organize, plan for, create and control a vibrant, diverse and high-quality neighborhood in collaboration with community partners.

Services

Plan and control the physical development of the neighborhood, Cultivate young leaders, Lead collaboratives and organize for comprehensive community development initiatives, Empower and support residents to assume leadership roles

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

We have provided over \$100,000 to local residents, small businesses and artists, while distributing over 250,000 pounds of food. Our biggest challenge during the pandemic has been communicating to and serving our residents, while maintaining safe distances.

Organizational Accomplishments:

3,000

Individuals served.

50

Volunteers.

1,000

Individuals received educational materials.

392

Individuals supported with cash assistance.

62

Food Drives.

6,000

Individuals received food assistance.

266,825

Lbs. of food distributed.

2021 Goals:

Address Displacement

Organize Residents to Revitalize Neighborhood

Empower Residents



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Year Established: 2005
Service Area: New England States

Mission Statement

ICNA Relief USA seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters. ICNA Relief USA strives to build healthy communities, strengthen families and create opportunities for those in despair while maintaining their dignity and advocating for their basic human needs.

Services

Resource Services, Case Management, Mental health support, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance, Hunger Prevention, Transitional Housing, Providing food to low income neighborhoods and providing shelter to women.

COVID Related Challenges & Accomplishments:

ICNA Relief went from doing 2 food distr./year during our Muslim holidays to 3/week at the peak of the pandemic. This was an accomplishment as we only have 3 staff members. Luckily we had amazing volunteers who helped us provide food to 300 families a week. We have had the opportunity to serve such diverse populations and develop relationships with people we wouldn't have met. Our team came together with a newfound determination to serve all those who needed support & will continue to do so.

Organizational Accomplishments:

45,801 Individuals received food assistance.
10,398 Households received food.

22,465 Adults received food.
23,336 Children received food assistance.

290,900 Lbs. of food delivered to families.
1,054 Individuals supported with cash assistance.

93 Food Drives.
352 Families Supported.

2021 Goals:

- Brick & Mortar Food Pantry
- Awareness
- Resources to serve all MA Islamic Centers



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Year Established: 2015
Service Area: Mattapan, Hyde Park, Dorchester, Roxbury

Mission Statement

IFSI's mission is to reduce barriers to accessing services for immigrants through direct support services, referrals, education, and leadership training, thus facilitating their successful transition into the social and economic fabric of their cities. We aim to build bridges, unite funders, providers, and stakeholders to meet the needs of immigrants in the US, with a focus on the Haitian community.

Services

Immigration Legal Services, Education, Career advancement / Workforce development, Resource Services, Case Management, Mental Health Support, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

Over 3000 Immigrant families served with cash assistance, legal services, mental health services and public health education
 Provided educational opportunities to over 500 students
 Built Strong Network of immigrant serving organizations
 Challenges: Doing More with Less- Existing disparity makes your work harder

Organizational Accomplishments:

10,000 Lbs. of food provided.
800 Families received food assistance.

500 Children received food assistance.
25 Food Drives.

2,000 Individuals supported with cash assistance.
50,000 Received educational materials .

2021 Goals:

- Complete Immigrant Navigator Model
- Opportunities to Immigrant Students
- Immigrant One Stop Center



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Year Established: 2010
Service Area: Metrowest region

Mission Statement

MWC-Casa is a membership-based immigrant worker center, based primarily in the Metrowest region of east-central Massachusetts, which is engaged in a community and workplace organizing, advocacy, services, and legal support. MWC-Casa uses innovative and effective strategies for combating wage theft, addressing occupational injuries and workplace discrimination, particularly sexual harassment, led by a membership base of native Brazilian Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking as well as indigenous immigrants from Latin America.

Services

Case Management, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance, Worker's Rights, Organizing, Injured Worker Support, Support injured workers navigating medical & legal obstacles.

COVID Related Challenges & Accomplishments:

MWC-Casa has food for up to 525 families every other week. Culturally appropriate grains and fresh fruits and vegetables are purchased in bulk, then packed and distributed by the immigrant families themselves. Casa is engaged in community education and support of families threatened with illegal eviction.

Organizational Accomplishments:

525

Families received food every two week.

Supporting Central American, Brazilian and indigenous Ecuadorian workers and their families.

2021 Goals:

Addressing wage theft, workplace injury. Pandemic issues of food access, protection from eviction.



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Year Established: 1973
Service Area: Springfield and Hampden County

Mission Statement

The Mission of NNCC is to provide advocacy, public and human services to Hampden County residents with an emphasis on serving the multi-Cultural community for the purpose of enhancing the preservation and support of the family resulting in the improvement of quality-of-life issues.

Services

Career advancement / Workforce development, Case Management, Learning Exchange Program, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance, Organizing, Financial Literacy, EOSL, Youth Programs

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

We helped over 975 individuals get tested for COVID-19. We supplied over 11,000 residents in the North End of Springfield with masks, sanitizers, gloves and educational materials.

Organizational Accomplishments:

60,000

Lbs. of food provided.

1,267

Individuals supported with cash assistance.

48

Food banks (4 per month).

2,349

Families received food assistance.

4,237

Children received food assistance.

7,231

Individuals received food assistance.

2021 Goals:

Our goal this year is to educate and have all of our residents get the COVID-19 vaccine.



Pioneer Valley Workers Center

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Year Established: 2014

Service Area: Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin counties

Mission Statement

The Pioneer Valley Workers' Center builds power with low-wage and immigrant workers throughout Western Massachusetts. Together, we organize to build community and win real change in the lives of working people.

Services

Immigration Legal Services, Education, Resource Services, Case Management, Worker's Rights, Referrals for Immigration Legal Services, Labor Legal Services, and Unions when possible, Legislative and Policy Advocacy, Workplace Organizing Campaign Development and Support, Emergency Assistance, Deportation Rapid Response, Court Accompaniment, Transportation, 24-hour Know-Your-Rights Hotline.

COVID Related Challenges & Accomplishments:

Organizing for frontline worker safety through targeted workplace campaigns, incubating volunteer organizing projects for tenant and housing security during covid and beyond, food distributions to worker members who have lost work due to covid in four locations twice weekly, \$480,000 to over 1500 families.

Organizational Accomplishments:

100,000 **1,800**

Lbs. of food distributed.

Individuals received food assistance.

900 **3**

Children received food assistance.

Food Drives.

1,500 **600**

Individuals supported with cash assistance.

Individuals received educational materials.

2021 Goals:

Improved Referral System

Anti-Racist Organizational Structure

Know-Your-Rights Trainings



Rian Immigrant Center

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Year Established: 1989

Service Area: New England's Welcome Center for immigrant and refugee families.

Mission Statement

Rian empowers immigrant families on the path to opportunity, safety, and a better future for all. We do this by providing, immigration legal services, resource and support services, education programs, and advocating for just and humane immigration policies. We build community through our inclusion and civic engagement programs and lead an international exchange program for recent, international, graduates. We are working toward a society where all are welcomed and valued and enjoy equitable opportunities and protections.

Services

- Immigration legal services
- Education and Career advancement
- Resource and Support Services
- Learning Exchange Program
- Advocacy
- Inclusion Program
- Emergency Assistance

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

In 2020, Rian provided over \$400k in cash assistance to more than 1628 individuals impacted by COVID-19. We continue to help families through the COVID-19 pandemic, and to be adaptable in how we provide services, continuing our leadership role in the Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative as its fiscal sponsor.

Organizational Accomplishments:

3,814 **1,334**

Families Supported.

Immigration Legal Services.

1,900 **130**

Resource & Support Services.

Students Served.

450

International Learning Exchange.

2021 Goals:

Expand & integrate our immigration legal, education, resource & support services.

Develop strategic program partnerships

Invest in our staff, volunteers, & Board & promote antiracism internally & externally.

Further develop our advocacy, thought leadership, new brand and communications.



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Service Area: Boston, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Quincy, Braintree

Mission Statement

Sociedad Latina has been working in partnership with Latino youth and families to end the cycle of poverty, inequality to access of health services, and lack of educational and professional opportunities in our community. We serve youth ages 11 to 21, creating a community that values young people and enables them to be leaders in their community. Sociedad Latina serves young people and adults with a focus on Education, Workforce Development, Civic Engagement, and Arts and Culture.

Services

Immigration Legal Services, Education, Career advancement / Workforce development, Advocacy, Organizing, Youth Development

COVID Related Accomplishments & Challenges:

We have supported over 500 families with financial assistance. We shifted our programming to full remote, providing youth academic support, mental health and wellness support, all while providing families technical support, grocery aid, rental relief, childcare and utility bill assistance among other resources.

Organizational Accomplishments:

5,000

Sociedad Latina Serves 5000 youth across all of our programs and the work is made possible with the support of over 100 volunteers, partners, and our strong networks.

50%

of families used financial support to cover food.

845

Individuals supported with cash assistance.

1,500

Individuals received educational material.

4,237

Children received food assistance.

7,231

Individuals received food assistance.

We supplied our food banks with over 60,000 Lbs. of food.

2021 Goals:

- Provide Financial Assistance
- Connecting Families to Resources
- Vaccine Education



Hear our stories.

The following pages highlight some stories and quotes from the people we support.



We helped Noemi to reunite with her daughters who were in detention before the pandemic. Since the pandemic we have continued to work with her and her family, providing food and financial assistance as she has struggled to remain employed.

Centro Presente

Family of 5 was homeless and pregnant-lived out of their car. Stayed in our transitional house as the father found a job but got laid off due to COVID. Still he volunteered a lot and we provided financial and food assistance. Now he is a data analyst.

ICNA Relief - MA

Carlene got infected with the Covid 19 virus in March 2020, and was sick for over 1 month. She lost her job and apartment. She reached out for help and received weekly food and monthly cash assistance for 8 months and is now getting back on her feet.

Caribbean Youth Club

“Thank you IFSI for all you did for my family during this COVID-19 time. So nice to be able to connect with someone who speaks my language, understands my culture willing to help me. My daughter is doing so much better with school.” Martine, mother
Immigrant Family Services Institute





The words from a grandmother faced with unemployment, and struggling to enroll in unemployment benefits: “Thank you Sociedad Latina. This money will go a long way for us and help me to buy groceries and keep my family fed during this time.

Sociedad Latina



We just helped with this COVID-19 pandemic bury a father, a mother and a brother to a family, this was the saddest thing I have seen with this pandemic. My heart just melted seeing the hurt of these families.

New North Citizens Council

Client with 2 children, a 6 year old and a one year old had to leave work because she couldn't find childcare and because they must do their classes from home because covid just keeps getting worse. Doesn't have an SSN so she can't get unemployment.

Pioneer Valley Workers Center

We helped Noemi to reunite with her daughters who were in detention before the pandemic. Since the pandemic we have continued to work with her and her family, providing food and financial assistance as she has struggled to remain employed.

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative

Mandy and her brother went to BCNC's after school program when their parents were working. When COVID-19 ignited extreme anti-Asian rhetoric, Mandy began to understand the extent of racism against Asian American. Mandy was scared after seeing videos of violence towards Asians. Once routine errands became scary. Mandy also was shocked that her peers were defending the use of the phrase "Chinese virus." Even her parents, who have lived in the US for over 20 years, felt rejected by the US and feared that a stranger would be physically violent towards them. Mandy worked with other BCNC youths to write an open letter urging their school leaders to address Anti-Asian Racism. The letter received over 300 signatures of support and coverage from the Boston Globe and GBH News. Most importantly, this letter led to conversation with school leaders on how to bring about change.

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center

This is a thank you letter from one of our constituents (we will call him “Peter”) after we dropped off a donation. He has been receiving food and cash assistance from Agencia ALPHA since the fall of 2020 thanks to the support given through the Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative. Peter is originally from South America and has been living and working in the United States for more than two decades. We have gotten to know Peter very well because of his active participation in our leadership and community organizing events. Peter lost his job of 20 years because of the COVID19 pandemic. He used to work in maintenance for a popular clothing store in downtown Boston. When he saw that some of his co-workers were called back to work reduced hours, he immediately thought he was also going to get a call back. He never did. This devastated him. Peter is undocumented and not a lot of his friends know this about him. He became depressed after losing his job, and not being able to share with the people he knows why he was not able to find another job. Peter was experiencing isolation and his depression worsened when money became scarce, and his landlord begin to ask him to move out. That is when we met Peter and for ALPHA it has been an honor to meet and support him. Today, Peter is actively pushing for immigration reform as part of our organizing team. This is the note he sent us:

**Damaris and husband,
I just finished putting all the
groceries away!**

**Was very nice to meet your husband!
I really appreciate all the assistance
you all are giving me!
You all are very kind!
I am very emotional**

**I am very thankful for all you gave me!
The payment for the rent!**

**The foods and the money!
The bless you gave outside
from you and your husband!
This was the best gift ever!
I will never forget!**

This was all a blessing from God!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year for you and your family!
All the best!**

Agencia ALPHA

**Families from many cultures, speaking many languages,
always arrived together to get food. Seeing the love and
care between children and parents, and how they found
ways to stay hopeful and happy during hard times, really
sustained our efforts**

Brazilian Worker Center Inc.

**I'm 19 years old, and I have been living in the US for 2
years. I came here by myself and when the pandemic
began, I felt very stressed as if there was a heavy weight
in my shoulders. The support you have given me helps
me pay my bills, but it also lifts up that weight from my
shoulders and makes me feel better.**

Boston International Newcomers Academy

Women from a daycare center where more than half of the classes were closed because staff contracted COVID from students were able to get the vaccine at our site after several desperate attempts to register online for vaccine at mass vaccination sites. This community has had zero to little access to the vaccine and amongst the swirl of doubts and misinformation getting the vaccine to 115 arms seems like a big step forward.

Metrowest Worker Center - Casa

Two brothers from Guatemala who entered the US one year ago reached out for assistance. Their uncle became the guardian to get the boys out of the shelter system for minors, but as soon as they got to Boston, the uncle told them they were on their own. Since one of the brothers was turning 18, the uncle pretty much washed his hands of financially supporting the boys. They're both going to school and sharing one room in an apartment. When asked how they were doing for meals, since neither one is working, they shared that they eat as much as they can at lunch, provided by the school. We spoke of food pantries in the area, but they have been afraid of going out.

Rian Immigrant Center

Jennifer, 25 years old, from Guatemala City: I became sick with COVID, and I haven't been able to work, because I sometimes have palpitations and anxiety. I have two children and am pregnant with my third. My husband has been working hard but it wasn't enough, we had nothing, no food. And then I found out about CCT and I am so grateful; the help you have given us has benefitted us so much. Not just my family but so many other families. And now I am coming as a volunteer to help pack the food bags for everyone. And it's not just the food and the rental assistance, but the educational talks about our rights and health and safety help me so much.

Caribbean Youth Club



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